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TAKEN FROM THIS ROOM

GRADUATES CELEBRATE

## 'New Beginnings'

One hundred and ten seniors became alumni May 8 as Bryan College celebrated its 66th annual commencement, and were reminded that "our God is a God of new beginnings."

From the vespers service on Friday evening, when student chaplain Manny Carril told of the new beginnings God had made in his life at Bryan to Saturday's commencement address by Danny Lingerfelt, a student in the ASPIRE degree completion program, graduates were reminded of the beginning

Auditorium where they formed a circle, holding a "Bryan College" ribbon. He clipped the ribbon so each could have a piece, before he dismissed the gathering in prayer.

While the Class of 1999 was celebrating in Rudd, members of the Class of 1949, celebrating their golden anniversary reunion, were celebrating with a dinner in Dayton, then a tour of the new Student Life Center. From the

vantage point of the yet-to-be-finished café on the third floor, they watched the sun set over Dayton Mountain as Vice President for Advancement Tom Kemner brought them up to date on progress of the college's master plan and New Century Campaign.

Graduation morning dawned clear but breezy, a delight for those who had planned the service for the Triangle in front of the Student Life Center. At 10 a.m., honorary marshals Carol, '77, and Ron, '65, Barfield, parents of Julie; and Mary, '70, and Roger Taylor, parents of Andy, led the Class of 1999 to

their graduation.

Vernon Gordon, father of graduate Paul Gordon, told class members on behalf of parents, "We are extremely proud of you because of what you have accomplished." And he praised the personal interest shown by the faculty in students and their families. "I want to thank the Bryan College faculty for their professionalism and their commitment to students."

Ben Kreloff, a business administration/management major from Clearwater, Fla., spoke on behalf of the traditional students. He encouraged them to remember they have "been taught academically but we have, more importantly, received an education in that we have not been taught what to think but how to think."

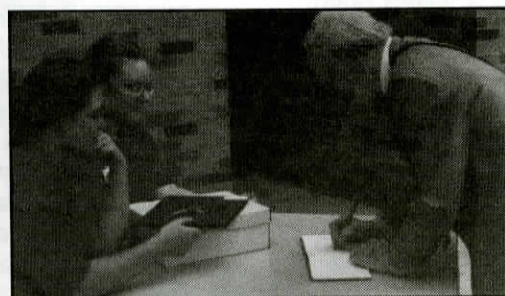
"My primary challenge to my classmates today is to make a difference in the world.



Laurie Blanton and Ben Kreloff were named the senior P.A. Boyd Prize recipients in recognition of their leadership and influence among fellow students.

Bryan's mission statement is 'to educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.' The Lord has equipped each of us with talents that are to be used to His glory. Don't waste what you have.

"During our time here we have been in what you might call our own little bubble, surrounded by other students with the same general beliefs and goals in life. We are now entering a world where life has become meaningless to many, where some governments see nothing inhumane about ethnic cleansing, and



Dr. Henry Moeller of Kansas City, Kan., checks in for the Golden Anniversary Reunion during graduation weekend. Student workers Jenny James, left, and Michelle Mundy helped greet the "golden grads" and their families. See more pictures of the reunion on Page 10.

where school shootings are becoming a frequent occurrence. Well, guess what? This is our mission field."

He challenged the graduates to make a difference by dreaming big

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Bryan's Alison Villanova earned a trip to the NAIA national tennis tournament by winning the TVAC No. 1 singles' title. See a story about the tennis season and Alison's accomplishment on

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Workers set up 1,200 chairs on the Triangle lawn for graduation May 8, and most were filled by the time the graduates took their places at 10 a.m.

and ending they were experiencing.

The seniors returned from their week-long trip to Florida to produce a vespers service that looked back at the fun and some of the serious times they shared at Bryan. Drew Robertson and Cheri Stone took a humorous look at the class history, from initiation — "the last before hazing laws kicked in" — to the more serious, such as the relationships that developed.

Manny focused on the spiritual journey, giving his testimony before his classmates and their families. "Bryan College means so much to me because the Lord used it so much in my life," he said. "It's not just a college, it's family."

"Thanks to the Lord, to our parents, Dr. Brown and the staff for four great years and a lifetime of experiences and knowing the Lord that I received here."

Vespers closed with President Bill Brown calling class members to the front of Rudd



# 'School shootings are nothing': making sense of it all

"Can We Make Sense of it All?" was the headline in a local paper in the aftermath of the Colorado tragedy. "This was a senseless crime," one political pundit opined on a talk show.

But the Littleton massacre made perfect sense - at least it did in the minds of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. After all, if Marilyn Manson is right, they did nothing wrong.

Political and social pundits were quick to assign blame to many sources. Access to guns, dysfunctional parental relationships and ridicule by class peers were among the first reasons given for the vicious killings. One "expert" concluded definitively that Harris and Klebold were mentally ill. When he was asked why he was so certain, he replied that only mentally ill people kill others.

The most interesting analyses of the killings focused on the entertainment choices of Harris and Klebold. Before the day was out, everyone across the world knew that the boys played the video game Doom, watched the movie *Natural Born Killers* and listened to goth-rocker Marilyn Manson.

I do not want to join the cacophony of voices raised in an attempt to assign blame to the entertainment media. But something has happened over the past few decades that has changed the way our children look at life and the world.

## Death and anger are the fruit, not the root

I noticed a Beatles poster from the sixties the other day. Something about it seemed odd and it took me a few minutes to recognize what it was. John, Paul, George and Ringo were all smiling. Thirty years later, photos of today's rock groups (even the Christian groups) show faces of anger and discontent, even hatred. They reflect a culture that is no longer happy, that no longer wants to hold your hand but would rather blow you away.

Peggy Noonan, borrowing the phrase used by the pope, called the tragedy in Littleton a manifestation of the "culture of death." Others see the events as a sign of the deepening "culture of anger." But death and anger are the fruit, not the root. Both descriptions don't go deep enough. We are living in a growing culture of nothingness.

The culture of nothingness, or its philosophical equivalent, nihilism, is a product of the worldview of Naturalism. If there is no God then there is no ultimate purpose for all that exists. Those who see any meaning in life are only fooling themselves and deceiving others.

What is the value of life? Nothing, naught, zero, nil. And from this void comes the grimmest acts of despair.

Popular nihilism heaps scorn on life, faith or accomplishments. Nihilists ridicule those who hold to sacred beliefs or accomplish anything in life. To excel in life is to excel at nothing. Athletes and honor students are fooling themselves in the eyes of nihilists because all their accomplishments are really worthless.

The popular nihilistic group Korn even sings a song of hate against Mr. Rogers: "You told me everyone was



Dr. William E. Brown

## From the President

my neighbor. They took advantage of me . . . I hate you." Third Eye Blind sees life as a "horror show." Everything positive is a lie, everything sacred is a joke and everything worthwhile is worthless.

Nihilism is not always dark and ugly. It is seen in the ridiculing "heh-heh" of Beavis and Butthead, the sarcasm of David Letterman and the twisted humor of South Park. The message is simple: If you are naive enough to believe that life has importance, we will laugh at you and make you feel stupid.

Such nihilism is older than heavy metal music, Howard Stern or Seinfeld. Kafka, Beckett, Heller, Turgenev and Vonnegut all gave voice to the emptiness of a world that has no purpose. Shakespeare puts nihilism in the mouth of Macbeth when he utters the famous line: "Life's but a walking shadow, . . . it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

When life is nothing, we become like animals in a violent conflict over territory and power. Eric Harris claimed that he didn't want "jocks or other people" putting them down. "We're going to punish you," he promised. Harris and Klebold struck out against those whom they felt threatened them.

In 1897, Emile Durkheim, a French sociologist, wrote about a condition he called "anomie," that is, "without law." He noted that in times of economic extremes, prosperity or depression, rules about how people are to behave break down and we do not know what to expect from each other. This lawlessness is ultimately destructive, leading to crime and suicide. Anomic suicide is particularly prevalent when there is no respect for moral leadership in a society.

Has our age of profound prosperity and immoral leadership yielded the fruit of anomie?

Solomon struggled with his own form of nihilism. "Meaningless! Meaningless!" he cried. "Everything is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). In his own despair he sought for meaning in wisdom, pleasure, power, possessions and work. But he found his quest led him nowhere. At the horizontal level, life has no ultimate meaning. Overwhelmed by the reality of this truth, Solomon regretted his life, wondering why he had been born.

But his despair never turned to the violent destruction of Harris and Klebold. Solomon saw, even in his desolation, the presence of the One who created him. He concluded that everything does have meaning and value since all will ultimately be judged by God (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

So while the talk show experts try to make sense of Littleton, the real nature of the tragedy will probably go unmentioned. As long as God is a persona non grata

in schools and the public square, people will be driven to the conclusion that life and the world have no ultimate purpose.

A world without God may make sense to some, but the consequences are tragic.

**Alumni,  
please send us your business  
cards for our new bulletin board.**

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# Columbine tragedy holds seeds of triumph

By Char (Clark) Barnes, '73

It was a cold, rainy night in London. The weather had diminished our desire for sightseeing and we were ready to go home. Our bags were packed in preparation for an early-morning flight, and with a few minutes to spare before "lights out," we clicked on the TV.

We were stunned as we absorbed the impact of the newperson's words and the picture on the screen. It was Littleton, Colo. Two black-coated gunmen were on a rampage and students were dying. Our youngest daughter is a student at a Littleton high school, just 20 minutes from where the tragedy was occurring.

I struggled with my emotions of relief that it wasn't her school and guilt that I felt relieved while other parents were agonizing. My husband and I prayed together for the Lord's protection on those still in the building, for the police and the parents. Paul closed our prayer by asking the Lord to show us how we as a church might be used to help those who would surely be impacted by this terrible tragedy.

Upon arriving home in Denver, we discovered how shocked and sobered people were by the nightmare that had occurred just 24 hours earlier. The number of students killed had only recently been established. Even as some lives still hung in the balance, more and more personal stories of triumph in the midst of tragedy were being reported. Repeatedly news people focused on

Carrie Bernall, the 17-year-old girl who, in the face of death, confessed her belief in God.

It's been intriguing to note how Cassie's courage and faith has affected our city. Crosses have been erected, students have knelt and prayed publicly, secular newscasters and columnists have told her story over and over again, and people have talked about God, not just in generic terms, but specifically about Jesus.

Cassie herself was a troubled teen before committing her life to Jesus Christ a year ago. In a church video

recorded just two days before the Columbine incident, Cassie made a statement that would soon be put to the test. She said, "I just try not to contradict myself, to get rid of all the hypocrisy and just live for Christ."

Cassie didn't just live for Christ. She died for Him. On Tuesday, April 27, the *Denver Post* featured an article entitled "Cassie Died a Martyr's Death." We live in a society where heroes are scarce and martyrs nonexistent. Maybe that's why Cassie's story has so captured hearts across this nation.

Psalm 116:15 states, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones."

**"Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His godly ones."**

Psalm 116:15

Years ago, this verse perplexed me. How could death be considered something precious? Birth is precious, but not death. Then I realized that for the Christian, death means life! It means leaving this home for our real one. The Bible refers to Jesus as being seated at the right hand of God. Yet just before he was martyred, Acts 7 tells us that Stephen looked up to heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Why was he standing? To welcome Stephen home.

"Tragic" describes Cassie's death, but "precious" describes her entrance into heaven as Jesus stood with outstretched arms to welcome his young martyr home.

*Char Clark Barnes received her BA degree in English and secondary education in 1973. She served several years on staff with Youth for Christ in Denver before marrying Paul Barnes. After a move to Dallas for Paul to attend seminary, Paul and Char returned to Denver where they began a church. Char is director of Women's Ministries for Grace Chapel, and a motivational and inspirational speaker. Paul and Char live in Littleton, Colo., and have two daughters.*

## Faculty/Staff Notes

**Mr. Bernie Belisle** attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Greensboro, N.C., in March.

**Dr. Bill Brown** spoke at Dublin Community Church, Dublin, Ga., in February. He led the Worldview Team for presentations in Ohio during Spring Break at Dayton Christian School in Dayton and Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo. The Worldview Team also presented programs at Calvary Christian School in Columbus, Ga., in March, at Grace Bible Church in Dayton, Tenn., and in Chattanooga at the Mountain City Club in April. He spoke at the Dayton City School career week, Meadowview Baptist Church in Ooltewah, Tenn., and was the commencement speaker for First Academy in Orlando, Fla., in May.

**Mrs. Marcy Froemke** has been asked to evaluate a new adult education program in Rhea County. The 12-month Even Start program is targeted at teenage parents and will provide GED training as well as parenting classes. She attended an evaluator training conference in Memphis, Tenn., in April.

**Mrs. Margie Legg** was elected to the board of directors of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce in March.

**Dr. Phil Lestman** gave Debt-FREE and Prosperous Living Seminars at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., in January and February.

**Drs. David and Sigrid Luther** attended the Music Teachers National Association convention in Los Angeles in March.

**Dr. Jeff Myers** spoke at the Summit Adult Conference in Manitou Springs, Colo.; at the G.R.A.C.E. curriculum fair in Prior Lake, Minn.; East Hill Christian School in Pensacola, Fla.; Northwest Christian School in Newton, N.J., in March. He spoke to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, Miss., and at Mid-Vermont Christian School in Quechee, Vt., in April. In May he spoke at the Colorado Summit in Manitou Springs, Colo.; to the Loving Educators at Home in Syracuse, N.Y.; and the Donelson Christian School in Nashville, Tenn.

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit** took six students to Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn., for the national conference of the Christian Instrumentalists and Directors Association in March. They participated in a national honors band.



# 90 students recognized on Honors Day, graduation

Ninety students were presented awards during Bryan's Honors Day assembly and graduation, including:

P.A. Boyd Prize: Senior man, **Ben Kreloff**, Clearwater, Fla.; Senior woman, **Laurie Blanton**, Peshawar, Pakistan; junior, **Keri-Lynn Lestmann**, Dayton, Tenn.; sophomore, **Christine Dennis**, Englewood, Colo.; freshman, **Sarah Martin**, Erin, Tenn.

Robert D. Marston Scholarship, **Dara Ballard**, Trenton, Ga.

Virginia M. Schmickl Music Award, **Paula**

**Heathershaw**, Huntsville, Ala.

Mary McDonald Groves Music Scholarship, **Andrea Gorlich**, Rodemask, Germany; and Hope Dallanegra,

Cleveland, Tenn.

M.A.

Cooley Memorial Music

Scholarship,

**Melissa Gann**,

Lawrenceville,

Ga.; **Mary**

**MacLean**,

**John Graves LeDu Scholarship winners include, from left, Jacqueline Rothwell, Amy Louallen, Chasity Oldham, Rachel Pendergras and Bethany Rapson.**

Melbourne, Fla.; and **Donna Scheibe**, Kennesaw, Ga.

Flora and William Henson Jr. Music Award, **Chris Bean**, Flintstone Ga.

Chorale Member of the Year, **Kevin Floyd**, Orlando, Fla.

Harold C. and Ruthanna Almond Music Scholarship,

**Kim Hobbs**,

Athens, Tenn.; **Suzi Schmoyer**, Fredericksburg, Va.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Member of the Year, **Richard Hellner**,

Cantonment, Fla.

Brynoff Senior Scholarship, **David**

**Ritterbush**, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brynoff Scholarship, **Christina Neeley**, Greeley, Colo.

Theodore C. Mercer Scholarship, **David Ritterbush**, Chattanooga, Tenn.; **Michael Roukas**, Highland Lakes, N.J.; **Matthew Williams**, Decatur, Ga.

Catherine McDonald Communications Scholarship,

**Jill Womack**,

McMinnville, Tenn.

Hilltop Scholarship,

**Christine Dennis**,

Englewood, Colo.

Nannie K.

McDonald Education

Scholarship, **Alfred**

**"Chip" Miller III**,

Ooltewah, Tenn.

Christian Education

Award to

Outstanding

Underclassman,

**Mindy Baker**, Knoxville, Tenn.

Lawrence E. and Lillian C. Payne Scholarship, **Josh**

**Daugereau**, Poulsbo, Wash.; **Jim Edgar**, Cleveland,

Tenn.; **Richard Hellner**, Cantonment, Fla.; **Chris**

**O'Keefe**, Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.; **Scott Wells**, Valley, Ala.



Music department honorees include, from left, front, **Kim Hobbs**, Hope Dallanegra, Mary MacLean and Donna Scheibe. Back are Paula Heathershaw, Richard Hellner, Josh Mullins, Kevin Floyd, Suzi Schmoyer, Chris Bean and Andrea Gorlich.

American Bible Society Award, **Becca Paul**, Pace, Fla.

Psychology Achievement

Award, **Kristi Simmons**,

Dayton, Tenn.

Mercer and Bernyce

Clementson Scholarship, **Karen**

**Chamberlin**, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Al Page Memorial

Scholarship, **Mitch Hoskins**,

Cedar Springs, Mich.

Tennessee Political Science

Association Award, **Harmony**

**Vukin**, Howard City, Mich.;

**Christina Wilhoit**, Dayton,

Tenn.; **Alfred "Chip" Miller**

**III**, Ooltewah, Tenn.; **Matt**

**Snead**, Cumming, Ga.

Frank J. Schmickl

Scholarship, **Jason Wasser**,

Telford, Pa.

Judson A. Rudd Testimony and Influence Award,

**Ben Kreloff**, Clearwater, Fla.

John Graves LeDu Scholarship, **Amy Louallen**,

**Chasity Oldham**, **Rachel Pendergrass**, **Bethany**

**Rapson**, **Steven Ruehling**, **Tyler Seera**, **Allan**

**Tantahachai**, **Judi Toliver**, all of Dayton, Tenn.;

**Jacqueline Rothwell**, Evensville, Tenn.; **Heather Steele**,

Spring City, Tenn.

Charles A. and Theda

F. Thomas Scholarship,

**Becca Paul**, Pace, Fla.

Practical Christian

Involvement

Outstanding

Faithfulness and

Loyalty Award, **Julie**

**Barfield**, Dayton,

Tenn.; **Julie Brasher**,

Friedrichshafen,

Germany; **Manuel**

**Carril**, Sipsey, Ala.; **Marina Cruz**, Lakeland, Fla.; **Amy**

**Gerhart**, Lansdale, Pa.; **Heather Hammond**, Knoxville,

Tenn.; **Shay Haynes**, Lilburn, Ga.; **Donald Hixon**,

Renfrew, Pa.; **Amy Lien**,

LaHabra, Calif.; **Laura**

**McDaniel**, Griffin, Ga.; **Drew**

**Robertson**, Gainesville, Fla.;

**Jennifer Lynn Sells**, Morton,

Ill.; **Dawn Smith**, Richmond,

Va.; **Tonya Smith**, Clearwater,

Fla.; **Greg Sovereign**, Cary,

N.C.; **Crystal Turner**, Franklin,

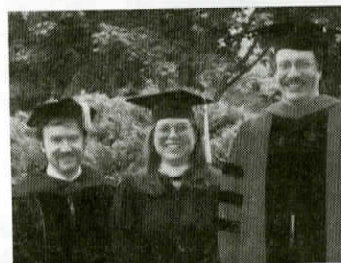
Tenn.; **Harmony Vukin**, Howard

City, Mich.; **Eric Ward**,

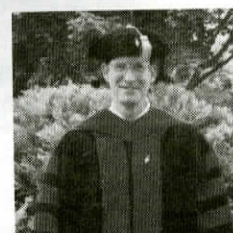
Andersonville, Tenn.; **Sonya Warren**, Lakeland, Fla.



**Suzi Schmoyer**, who received the **Harold C. Almond and Ruthanna Almond Music Scholarship**, is pictured with **Ruthanna (Mrs. Harold C.) Almond**.



**Dr. Ernie Ricketts**, **Ms. Deborah Phillips** and **Dr. Kurt Wise** were recognized for 10 years of service.



**Dr. William Lay** was named **Outstanding Teacher** at Honors Day.

**Paul McCarthy Scholarship**, **Chad Brogan**, Birmingham, Ala.

**Triangle Service Award**, **Iris Griffioen**, Charles Town, W.Va.

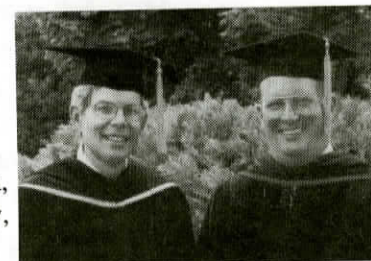
**Commoner Service Award**, **Jill Womack**, McMinnville, Tenn.

**Hilltop Players Leadership Award**, **Laura Yates**, Lithonia, Ga.; **Christina Neeley**, Greeley, Colo.

**Doris Morgan Scholarship**, **Shannon Kilgore**, Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.

**History of Western Civilization Awards**, **Kristen Baldwin**, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; **Jennifer Burleson**, Somerville, Ala.; **Sarah White**, Marietta, Ga.

**CRC Freshman Chemistry Award**, **Rebecca Kalz**, Somerset, Ky.



**Dr. Phil Lestmann**, left, and **Dr. Jack Traylor** were recognized for 20 years of service to the college.



Staff members with five years service include, from left, **Keith Bates**, **Melody Klingbeil**, **Roger Simmons**, **Sheila Ingolfssland**, **Gale Hood** and **Roy Hattley**.

**Richard "Archie" Cole Memorial Fund**, **Seth Jensen**, Elizabethton, Tenn.

**Paul Long Scholarship**, **Martha West**, Bellevue, Neb.

**Highest Scholastic Record at Bryan**, **ASPIRE Program**, **Devin Martin**,

Cleveland, Tenn.; **Traditional Program**, **Leanna Moore**, Cleveland, Tenn.

**Most Progress**, **Randy Evans**, Dayton, Tenn.

**Alumni Faithfulness and Loyalty Award**, **Andrew Robertson**, Gainesville, Fla.



**Al Page Scholarship winner Mitch Hoskins** is pictured with **Christine Page**, '71, and **Joyce (Mrs. Al) Page**.



**Jason Wasser**, **Christine Dennis**, **Ben Kreloff**, **Sarah Martin**, **Dara Ballard** and **Keri-Lynn Lestmann**

**ETA Diplomas**, **Manuel Carril**, Sipsey, Ala.; **Robert Carson**, Chattanooga, Tenn.; **Brian Duncan**, Hanson, Ky.; **Amy Lien**, LaHabra, Calif.; **Matthew McFarland**, Winter Garden, Fla.; **Frank Rouse III**, Dayton, Tenn.; **Matt Russell**, Orlando, Fla.; **Gregory Sovereign**, Cary, N.C.; **Eric Ward**, Andersonville, Tenn.

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# Members of the Bryan College Class of 1999

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Bible  
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Key Largo, Florida  
++Thomas Reid Black  
Music Education  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Laurie Renee Blanton  
English Literature  
Peshawar, Pakistan  
*magna cum laude*  
Julie Lynn Brasher  
Bible  
Friedrichshafen, Germany  
*magna cum laude*  
Manuel Charles Carril III  
Christian Education  
Sipsey, Alabama  
+Robert Gregory Carson  
Christian Education  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Anne Cooper  
Liberal Arts  
Clarion, Iowa  
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Bible  
Knightstown, Indiana  
*magna cum laude*  
Brian Alan Duncan  
Christian Education  
Hanson, Kentucky  
Kevin Michael Floyd  
Church Music  
Orlando, Florida  
*magna cum laude*  
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Music Communication  
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+Matthew Charles Gilman  
Communication Arts  
Richmond, Virginia  
\*Andrea Christine Gorlich  
Music: Piano Pedagogy  
Rodemask, Germany  
*summa cum laude*  
\*Jason Mark Harrison  
Liberal Arts  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Shay Lind Haynes  
Communication Arts  
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Education  
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Klon Kenneth Kitchen III  
Bible  
Atlanta, Georgia  
++Amy Lien  
Christian Education  
LaHabra, California  
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Communication Arts  
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Matthew Brook McDaniel  
Music Communication  
Ringgold, Georgia  
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Psychology  
Grayson, Georgia

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Psychology  
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*cum laude*  
James D. Nichols  
Bible  
Dayton, Tennessee  
*cum laude*  
Bryan Osborne  
Bible  
Dayton, Tennessee  
\*Jacob Matthew Pratt  
Bible  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
*summa cum laude*  
Frank Forrest Rouse III  
Christian Education: Youth Ministry  
Dayton, Tennessee  
Matt Russell  
Christian Education: Youth Ministry  
Orlando, Florida  
+Andrew Donald Sarine  
Psychology  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
Tonya Ann Smith  
Psychology  
Clearwater, Florida  
Gregory David Sovereign  
Christian Education: Youth Ministry  
Cary, North Carolina  
*cum laude*  
Crystal Lynn Turner  
Bible  
Franklin, Tennessee  
Todd Alan Turner  
Bible  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Harmony JoAnne Vukin  
History  
Howard City, Michigan  
*magna cum laude*  
Sara Beth Wade  
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Chattanooga, Tennessee  
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+Eric A. Ward  
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Lakeland, Florida  
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\* August candidate



## Villanova earns trip to tennis nationals

High expectations for the men's and women's tennis teams came up short this spring, but Alison Villanova made it all the way to the NAIA national tournament.

Alison compiled a regular-season record of 11-4, before winning the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference tournament at No. 1 singles, earning the trip to the nationals.

Alison, a junior from Flagler Beach, Fla., was defeated in the first round, facing the 11th seed in the tournament. But Coach Bob Andrews said, "It was a real honor for her to be there."

The women fared better than the men in both the regular season and the conference tournament. They finished the year with a 7-6 record and finished fourth in the playoffs. The men, on the other hand, were 2-8 and suffered an eighth-place finish in the tourney.

Coach Andrews said the men "played well and played hard in the tournament, but lost in the first or second round." Only the doubles team of Matt Snead and Tyler Seera won a first-round match, defeating Montreat, before falling to King in the second round.

Bryan's women fell from their second-place tournament finish a year ago, despite Alison's championship. Alison swept through her opponents from Virginia Intermont, 6-3, 6-2; Clinch Valley 6-1, 6-4; and Bluefield 6-1, 6-1.

"During the season she lost twice to Clinch Valley and once to Bluefield, then beat both in the tournament," Dr. Andrews said.

Also scoring wins in the tournament were Wendi Bauman, who defeated Bluefield at No. 2 singles, Allison and Amy Ford, who beat Montreat at No. 1 doubles, and Dara Ballard and Tammy Dyer who beat Bluefield at No. 3 doubles.

"The girls got used to winning last year, and squeaked out a winning record this year," Dr. Andrews said. "The guys had higher expectations but didn't come through. I think we have good prospects for next year, though."

"Tyler and Matt took the heat for the team. They had to play some really awesome tennis players." Tyler finished 1-9 on the season, but "had some close matches with great players." Matt was 3-7 "and played equally hard. He had three three-set losses."

The coach is looking for several freshmen from Rhea County and a transfer student from Tennessee Technological University to bolster the men's squad, which will face the loss of three players.

Brian Osborne, who played No. 3 singles, graduated this year; Matt Snead, who played No. 2 singles, is going to spend next year teaching English in China; and Jeff Hall, who played No. 5 singles, plans to transfer.

He said freshman Kent Suter "is going to be a strong player next year," and, with the help of the new players he is expecting, "we should finish third or fourth in the conference."

For the women, he is expecting several recruits to strengthen the team, which will see all of his starters return.

He was especially proud of Amy Ford, who teamed with Allison at No. 1 doubles, and Wendi Bauman, who struggled to a 6-5 record at No. 2 singles.

## Burwick to coach Lady Lions basketball squad

Dr. Ray Burwick, who has 11 years of coaching experience at three colleges, has been named women's basketball coach at Bryan College, Athletic Director Dr. Sandy Zensen has announced.

Dr. Burwick will move to Dayton from Birmingham, Ala., where he has worked as a psychological counselor for the past 21 years, but already has been recruiting and evaluating returning members of the Lady Lions basketball team.

Dr. Zensen said the new coach "brings the balance we are looking for to the program, a balance between his character and his concern for the spiritual and personal development of our student-athletes and for competing in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference."

"I think he has the ability to relate to the student-athletes, the ability to challenge them on and off the court, to model Christ for them, and the ability to raise the women's basketball program into contention in the conference."

Dr. Burwick began his coaching career at Cascade College in Portland, Ore., and served on the coaching staff of American Athletes in Action before moving to Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. He served three years as assistant basketball coach at Samford University in Birmingham before earning his Ed.D. degree and beginning a ministry as a psychological counselor.

"I was in Division I ball, on the road much of the time and not that closely involved with the student

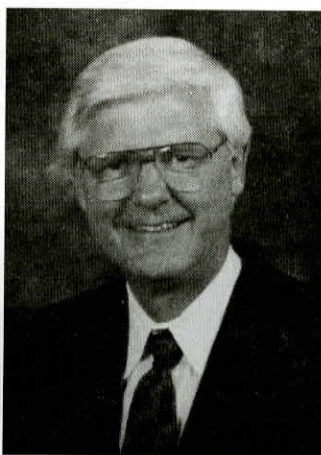
athletes," he said. "That was not me at all. I love to be involved with people."

"In the last two or three years I have been asking God how to best use the last 10 to 15 years of my working life. As I was thinking and praying, the major theme was how best to invest my life in multiplication, not just helping one person at a time with their individual needs."

"There is no better way to do that than with Christian college students who will go out and do their own coaching, preaching and teaching. That's investing in multiplication."

The new coach faces the challenge of building from a 1998-99 record of 1-25, and acknowledges he is starting late in the recruiting season for next year. "It's late to start recruiting for next year, but I'll be scouring the highways and byways for girls who can play basketball who haven't signed yet."

He watched the team play in its final game in February as he was interviewing for the post and was excited by the possibilities as well as the challenges.



Ray Burwick

"I want to develop in the girls confidence and an aggressive defense," he said. "We may not turn the program around next year, but we'll work hard at trying to."

While he doesn't start work officially until this summer, Dr. Burwick is actively recruiting players. "In recruiting for a small college, you don't have a coliseum or a name like larger schools, so you've got to build relationships. I want to find recruits and spend time with their families so they know we're not just after a basketball player but want to minister to the whole person."

Although he is excited and enthusiastic about taking the challenge at Bryan, he did recognize a slight cost to his move from Birmingham. "I'm going to have to give up my over-60s basketball team," he said. "We were state champs this year and were scheduled to go to the Senior Olympics in October. I can't do that with the team because that's only about a week before the college season opens."

But Dr. Zensen suggested that maybe he could make up for it with a trip to the conference tournament next spring.



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Psalm 112:6

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dreams and showing love in a world where that is a rare commodity.

Danny Lingerfelt, a business administration/organizational management major in the ASPIRE degree completion program from Madisonville, Tenn., spoke for the ASPIRE students.



For once, writing on fresh concrete was appropriate. Seniors took advantage of a new sidewalk on the Triangle to sign their names, leave messages for future generations of students or even leave mementos embedded to say “this was special about the Class of ‘99.”

“I’m a little bit older than most seniors,” he said. “I crammed four years of college into 15.”

He said the degrees students received open doors “to accomplish whatever God puts in our way. Let me encourage you to be different. The world doesn’t need just another businessman, just another teacher. Be more. Commit to the high road, the one less traveled.

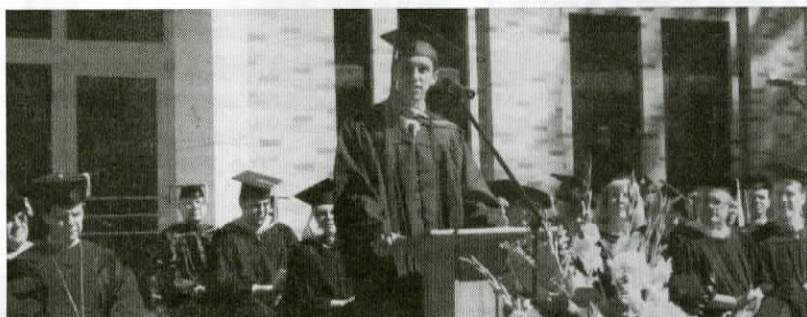
“Today is an ending and a new beginning. Our God is a God of new beginnings.”



Klon Kitchen, left, Matt McFarland, right, and a friend share a moment to celebrate their graduation.

Before Dr. Brown presented diplomas to the new graduates, he honored the Golden Graduates from 1949. With the help of Director of Alumni Ministries Brett Roes, he presented golden anniversary diplomas to each of the 10 members of the Class of 1949 who returned to Bryan for the occasion.

Two of those, Marguerite Walker Layton and Esther McCanley Moeller, he named honorary graduates. Dr. Brown said both had maintained strong loyalty to Bryan through the years. So while not officially graduates of the college, he said Bryan officials wanted to recognize them in this special way.



Commencement speaker Ben Kreloff encouraged members of the Class of 1999 to “make a difference in the world.”

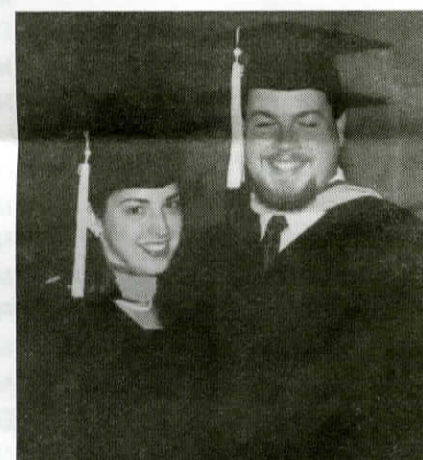


Graduation is a family affair, and Ralph Toliver, ‘37, and his bride, Kay, are pictured with granddaughter Bethany Toliver, who received a degree in biology.

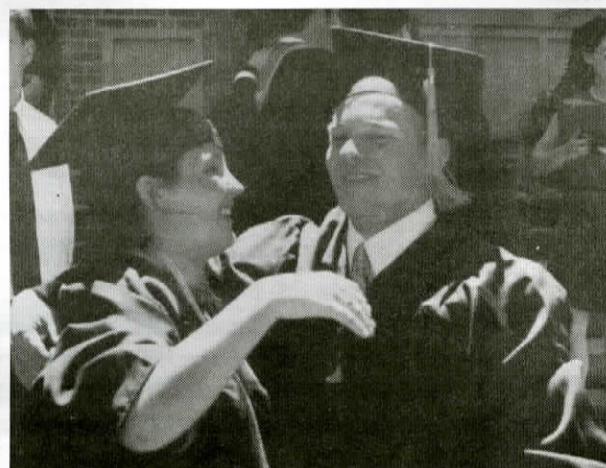
Vitali Klimovich, who earned his degree in biology, is one of a number of students who are planning to continue their studies in graduate school. Vitali, his wife, Natasha, and son, Daniel, share a moment after the commencement service.



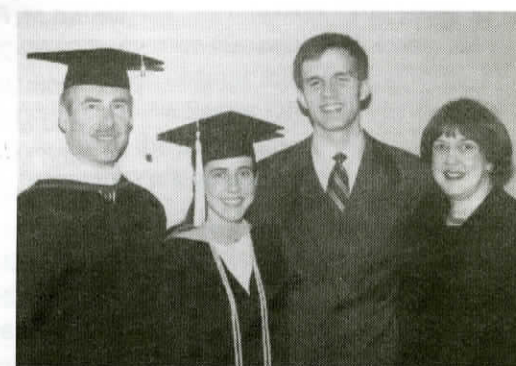
Academic Vice President Dr. David J. Masoner, left, and President Dr. William E. Brown lead the procession to commencement. Faculty, graduates and other participants gathered in the Administration Building before making the short walk to the Student Life Center where the ceremony was held. Behind Drs. Brown and Masoner is Mr. Glenn Stophel, chairman of the board of trustees.



Graduation was a family affair for Amy and David Gerhart. The high school sweethearts married while they were students at Bryan and earned their respective degrees in biology and music communications together.

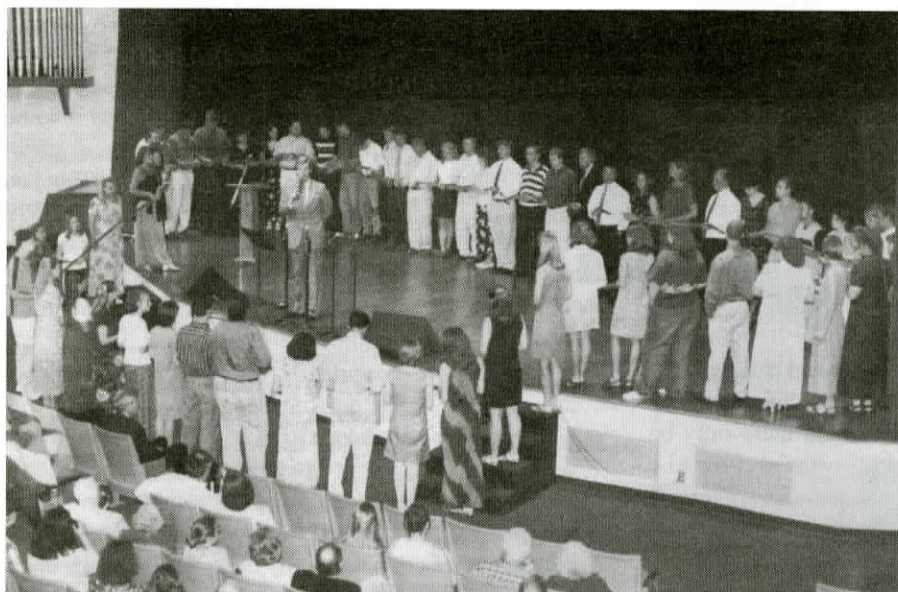


Jenny Wilson and Drew Robertson celebrate their new status as Bryan graduates.

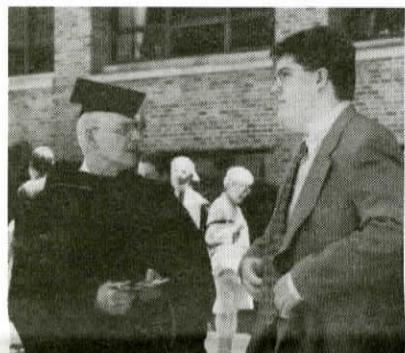


Christie Wilhoit, daughter of Professor of Music Dr. Mel and Susan Wilhoit, is pictured with her parents and fiancée, Daniel Walters, ‘97, before graduation. Christie and Daniel were married May 22.

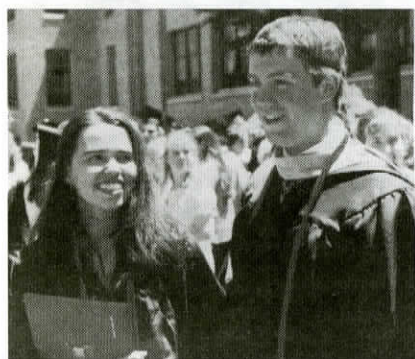




Members of the Class of 1999 gathered at the front of Rudd Auditorium and on the stage to form a circle and receive a piece of Bryan College ribbon at the close of their vespers service. Dr. William E. Brown led in prayer and clipped the long ribbon for each of the grads.



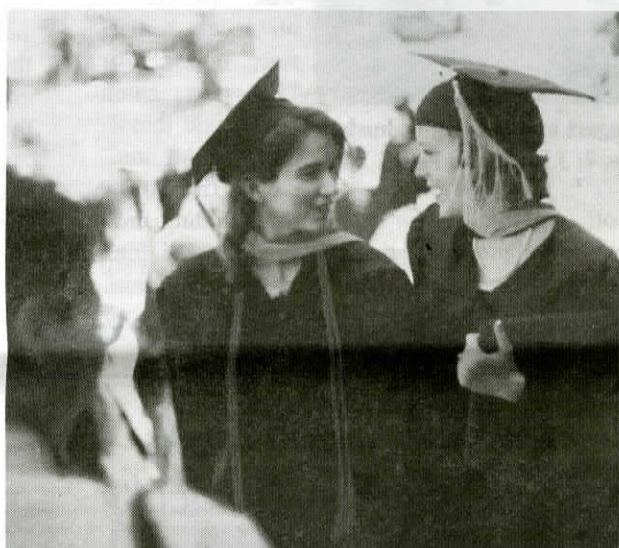
Dr. Richard Cornelius and Ollie McDaniel, '94, chat in front of the Administration Building following graduation.



Marina Cruz and Paul Gordon share a moment after graduation.



Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown greets the graduates and their families and friends as the 66th annual commencement begins May 8. For the second year, the ceremony was held on the Triangle in front of the Student Life Center, but this year the formerly rough ground had been covered by a beautiful grassy lawn.



Jamie Daniels, left, and Anna Davis, were subjects for at least one photographer as they chatted following graduation.

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Christian Education Award to Outstanding Senior, **Amy Lien**, LaHabra, Calif.

F.R. Rogers Senior Award in Bible, **Todd Turner**, Maynardville, Tenn.

Melvin M. Seguire Award, **Matt Cooper**, Knightstown, Ind.

John C. Anderson Award, **Jacob Pratt**, Chattanooga, Tenn.



**Frank Rouse and Tom Shaw** were recognized for ten years of service.



Senior Communication Arts Scholarship Award, **Shay Haynes**, Lilburn, Ga.

F.R. Rogers Senior Award in Music, **Kevin Floyd**, Orlando, Fla.

Outstanding Senior in Business, **Ruben Stancel**,

**Mat Snead and Chip Miller**

Cluj-Hapoca, Romania

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, **Paul Gordon**, Middleburgh, N.Y.

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability/Richard F. Chapin Outstanding Student Award, **Heather Horne**, Winona Lake, Ind.

History Department Senior Awards, **Christina Wilhoit**, Dayton, Tenn.; **Harmony Vukin**, Howard City, Mich.

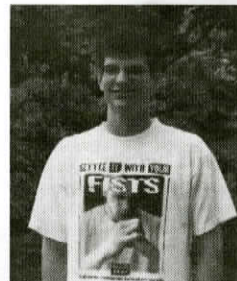
Senior Math Award, **Mark Anderson**, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil

Mrs. E.B. Arnold Student Teacher Award, Secondary,

**Philip Jones**, McMinnville, Tenn.; Elementary, **Emily Keja**, Creekside, Pa.

Psychology Award, **Jacqueline Johnson**, Kearney, Mo.

William Jennings Bryan Philological Award, **Laurie Blanton**,



**Jason Wasser**

Peshawar, Pakistan

Willard L. Hennings Biology Award, **Vitaly Klimovich**, Krivoy Rog, Ukraine

Outstanding Teacher Award, **Dr. William Lay**



**Kristi Simmons**



**Mitch Hoskins and Karen Chamberlin**



On Feb. 9, I attended the funeral of one of my classmates, Ann Efird Faggart, '88. Ann died peacefully in her sleep, and as of yet, there is no identifiable cause.

Ann was the sixth of seven Efird children who passed through the halls of Bryan College over a 31-year span. She was the first daughter of Don and Iris Efird and the wife of Jeffery Faggart, all of whom reside in Kannapolis, N.C. Ann was the mother of three beautiful children, Iris Ann, 7, J.D., 5, and Paul Mitchel, 20 months.

Ann's homegoing is significant for many reasons. Corporately, Ann is the first graduate of the Class of 1988 to go home to be with our Lord. Personally, Ann touched my life in many significant ways during my mother's seemingly endless bout with breast cancer. Spiritually and perhaps most relevant is that Ann's unexpected death has served as a poignant reminder of the reality that we are mortal and God is sovereign. There is no guarantee that we will see tomorrow, or for that matter, the rest of today. All that we really have is our "nows."

Ann used her "nows" to encourage countless others and to build quality relationships of lasting value. I was stunned by the hundreds of people who came together to grieve with Ann's family. Ann must have cultivated vast numbers of quality friendships. Innumerable "nows" must have been invested to bring about such an outpouring of compassion as this. One person after another spoke of how Ann had sown into their lives.

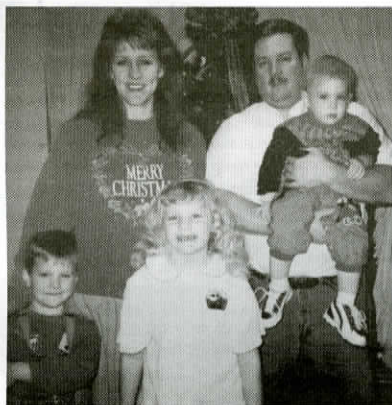
Hauntingly difficult questions began to flood my mind as I again grappled with death's finality. Have I been a good steward of my "nows?" Have I used my "nows" to

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### Making Ann's Habit Your Habit

*In Loving Memory of Ann Efird Faggart  
Oct. 2, 1966–Feb. 6, 1999*

build quality relationships with my wife and children, my family and friends? Would there be any recipients of my invested "nows" at my funeral, or would there only be



**Ann Faggart and her family, husband Jeff; Iris, 7; J.D., 5; and Paul 1 1/2.**

sympathetic onlookers expressing their last respects to someone who expended all his "nows" foolishly? Too many times I've said to my wife, "We can go on a date tomorrow, honey," or "I'll play catch with you tomorrow night, son," continuously putting off opportunities for relationship-building until later. Ann helped me realize that as a young adult I think I have too many tomorrows, so I waste too many today.

How about you? Where are you spending your



**Brett Roes**

"nows?" Are you investing them in vital relationships with your spouse and children? Is the building of quality relationships encompassed within your priorities for this year? How different is your relationship with your parents today compared to what it was just two years ago? Is it richer?

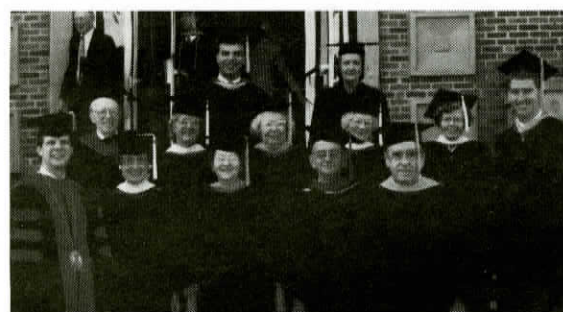
It is obvious that Ann understood the significance of investing her "nows,"

but even more importantly, she was in the habit of investing them. She put knowledge into action.

May I offer a challenge to all of us? Make Ann's habit your habit. How about investing some of your "nows" with your spouse today. Invest a few into your children tonight. Why not take that fun trip to grandma's you have been promising to your family this weekend? Pick up the phone and encourage someone in your church. Build a genuine relationship with an unbeliever so they will have an opportunity to see Christ's grace at work in you.

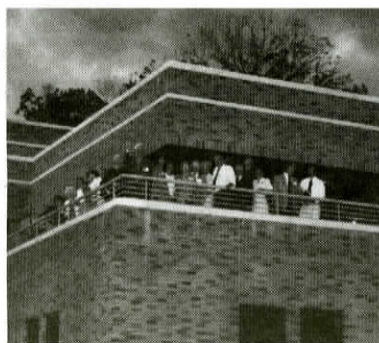
Your invested "nows" are the bridges, the means, if you will, with which you can build enduring relationships. The quality and quantity of your relationships will pay great dividends of satisfaction while you are in this mortal body and will continue to bless those in whom you have invested long after you go to be with the Lord.

Ann's habit of being a good steward of her "nows" stands as a living memorial to a life invested wisely. Sow your "nows" into relationships. Starting today, make Ann's habit your habit.



**Golden Graduates and friends are pictured before commencement on the steps of the Administration Building. From left, front, President Dr. William E. Brown, Nola Caraway, Norma Crawford, Clair Brickel, Clyde Simmons and Alumni Association President Steve Stewart, '85. Second Row, Henry Moeller, Jane Lieb, Wanda Burcham, Josephine Payne and Nell Pearson. Back are Alumni Ministries Director Brett Roes and Marguerite Layton. Not pictured is Esther Moeller.**

**Members of the Class of 1949, together with families and friends, toured the Student Life Center during their Golden Reunion at graduation.**



**They are pictured at the outdoor seating area of the proposed snack bar on the third floor of the building.**

## Dr. Cornelius honored as he ends 38-year tenure on faculty

Members of the Bryan College family said their formal "good-bye" to Dr. Richard Cornelius in March at a retirement dinner in his honor, even though he's not moving far from his faculty office.

There was a lot of roasting, as former students from the 60s to the 90s shared memories of their experiences under Dr. Cornelius' tutelage, but there was more love and respect as they paid tribute to the man and his legacy.

Michael Loftin, '68, communications manager for Tennessee-American Water Co. in Chattanooga, said, "Three things make Dick Cornelius an outstanding member of the faculty — his Christian faith, communicated quietly in a number of venues; a thorough knowledge of the courses he taught; and the ability to inculcate in students a Christian worldview."

Ginger Sattler, '67, a Bryan trustee and businesswoman, said, "He has a heart totally dedicated to serving the Lord and the students in his charge. He has impressive self-discipline."

Patty Puckett, '75, a high school English teacher, said, "He is brilliant, disciplined and fun. This is a man who could have had a stunning career on any campus across the United States, but he heeded God's call to serve here."

Laura Kaufman, '87, technical services librarian at Bryan, spoke directly to Dr. Cornelius. "I thank God for the legacy of good and fruitful work in all our lives. Thank you for instructing, challenging, reaching us in spiritual as well as academic disciplines. May we carry on in the same ardent devotion to Christ. May we be grateful for the heritage we have received."

LaDonna Olson, '90, a faculty colleague, said, "I never knew anybody who could look at something from so many different angles. How do deeds and words affect people and his Lord? You will never hear from this man empty words. He



**Members of the Cornelius family who gathered for Dr. Richard Cornelius' retirement dinner included, from left, Craig, '87, Michele, Heather and Nathan Cornelius; Donna, '57, and Richard, '55, Cornelius; Roger Black, Mary Lou Black, Melvin Black and David Black.**

means what he says."

Rosie DeRosset, '69, a faculty member at Moody Bible Institute, said in a letter, "He could be trusted to know the truth and to tell it."

Academic Vice President Dr. David Masoner said, "I appreciate his candor, his work ethic, such a brilliant mind. He has such Godly insights. Most of all, I appreciate his desire to honor Christ."

He said the board of trustees has named him professor of English emeritus. On a slightly less formal note, he was also named a colonel in the Bryan Reserve, at the instigation of registrar Dr. Ron Pettitte, himself a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Dr. Cornelius responded that he and his wife, Donna, '57, plan to stay in the Dayton area. He will continue to do volunteer work on Scopes Trial issues from a new office at the college.

As a retirement gift, the college present him a computer and printer for use at his home.



## The Midnight Ride of a Professor Revered

— Dr. Richard Cornelius

(with apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

by Whit (Jones) Waltman

Listen my students, and you shall hear  
Of the midnight ride of a professor revered:  
'Twas early May in '55, and hardly a man is still alive  
Who remembers the graduation full of cum-laude knowledge  
Of this late-night militia man from our Bryan College.  
A formal stint in the army let him see the world,  
But he came back to give classroom warfare a whirl,  
And turned from inspecting foreign flora and fauna  
To getting to know a certain mountain-grown Donna.  
They made marriage, Master's degrees, and music together,  
At UTK grad school in foul or fair weather,  
And came back to Bryan little worse for the wear  
With two fine diplomas but not much money to spare.  
It was here in the English department of '61  
That an illustrious ride through student essays was begun;  
Armed with scarcely more than red pen and Harbrace,  
Richard began cleaning up student writing apace;  
"The red pen is coming!" some were heard to cry,  
Fearing a fate worse than death when that power drew night,  
For as fast as they wrote 'em he was ready to grade 'em —  
Started early, quit late, and never mislaid 'em —  
And no one escaped the attack on loose verbiage  
Launched by this mentor with unflagging courage.  
And while teaching at Bryan with consummate skill,  
He returned to the battle on doctoral hill,  
And though rampaging through student essays by the cartload,  
Wrote himself about biblical allusions in Marlowe.  
Indeed, some Bryan students, feeling winnowed and harrowed,  
Much worse than William Jennings by grim Clarence Darrow,  
Would advise in a rather anti-Faustian way  
To heed the words of Doc Richard  
Or there'd be Harbrace to pay.  
It was 8 if by hand, or 3 or 4C,  
He'd let them know where the rhetorical dangers would be,  
And he multiplied his forces with xeroxes galore,  
Closed-typed, well-considered, with helpful truths by the score,  
And kept students alert on the sleepest days  
With a plethora of props and visual aids —  
Drawn sword, balloon voyage, pop Hamlet, bigfoot Oedipus —  
We other teacher illustrate, but he was always ahead of us.  
And students who listened, who did more than sit,  
Would pick up his dry humor, self-deprecating wit,  
For though we would seem to demand most imperiously,  
He never took his job or his standards too seriously,  
And cared about all those he put to the test,  
And always was helping them fulfill their best,  
That they might bring clarity and eloquence to bear  
On blocks in communication that occur everywhere,  
And speak words of truth of their Savior, the Christ,  
Leading others to hear His great words of new life.  
All the while, Dick and Donna raised a boy and a girl,  
Who've taken their faithfulness into the world.  
Dick has ridden a straight path and done it with vigor,  
He's taught with a true teacher's zeal and rigor,  
But his speech has always been seasoned with salt,  
And with humor and grace he has pointed out faults.  
His shots have been heard round the world, some have said,  
As those on whose papers his red ink has bled,  
Have gone out to minister with sharpened minds,  
To honor their Lord and to bless humankind,  
And often returned to give accolades  
To the teacher whose work their foundation had laid.  
Like the much-admired statesman whose torch he has carried,  
Dick continues his course and yet seldom seems harried,  
His lantern's been seen burning many late hours,  
But he's clearly upheld by the heavenly powers,  
Because every new morning with the rise of the sun,  
He been back on the path with a skip and a run  
Charging up to the college he's served so well,  
With devotion much deeper than tribute can tell;  
As he travels new paths, may God be by his side,  
May he (and Donna) find peace and rest in the midst  
of the ride.

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30's

Reunions

*Class of '39*  
October '99 (60 years)

60's

Reunions

*Class of '69*  
October '99 (30 years)

40's

Reunions

*Class of '40*  
May '00 (50 years)

50's

Reunions

*Class of '59*  
October '99 (40 years)

**LARRY, '57, and SHIRLEY (ARDELEAN), '56, FEHL** continue their missionary service at SIM headquarters in Charlotte, NC. Larry is the SIM U.S. director and Shirley is personnel administrator. One of SIM's projects of special interest to the Fehls is the building of a new chapel at the ECWA Seminary in Igbaja, Nigeria, where Larry was a professor.

**WAYNE FUNDERBURG, '60**, as director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Upper Michigan, reports a good year in 1998, with at least 60 Five-day Clubs with approximately 690 enrolled and 60 decisions for the Lord. They also had nine VBS programs with more than 300 enrolled and 25 decisions for Christ. At the fairs they talked to at least 900 people with around 45 decisions. Added to this were some monthly clubs, correspondence courses and telephone ministries.

**NAOMI GLOCK, '61**, ministering in Suriname under Wycliffe Bible Translators, is overseeing the revised translation, typesetting and printing of 5,000 copies of the the Saramaccan New Testament. The Saramaccan church is growing and maturing with a core of dedicated young people. Work is being done on the second book of Old Testament Bible stories in conversational style. These stories are adaptable for radio plays and are being recorded on tape using the voices of Saramaccans.

**RON, '64, and DIANE (PECK), '64x, MORREN**, from their home in Waxahachie, near Dallas, Texas, work with Wycliffe on various assignments. Last summer they spent a month on San Andres Island working with Creole-speaking school teachers to develop a curriculum for primary school instruction in the children's mother tongue. This year, with a special Fulbright Scholar grant, they will return to continue advising the project in San Andres from Aug. 15 to Dec. 15.

**ROBERT, '65, and ROBIN (SEAVAR), '65 CRANE**, are part of the Far East Russia team of SEND International. The Cranes have been living in Ola, near Magadan, and have no hot water, minimum heat to prevent pipes from freezing and schools closed due to the extreme cold. The Cranes have established a humanitarian aid project under SEND International to work with regional government and local suppliers to purchase bread for at least 1,800 families, a loaf each day for a month. Other help through SEND is food and clothing distributed through local evangelical churches. A new church in Magadan has been formed with the help of a group of Russian/American believers from California.

**DAVID, '65, and ANN, '65, LIND**, who serve with Baptist Mid-Missions, were pleased to move to the new campus for the Fortaleza Academy in Ceara, Brazil. The Linds also planned to move their church affiliation



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to the new area to help plant a fundamental Baptist church there. For their school, of which David is director, they need high school teachers in several areas.

**WALTER, '66,** and Beverly **WATTS** are becoming independent itinerant missionaries, working recently with Vietnamese friends in the Vietnamese Evangelical Church. The Watts have been teaching English for the past two summers, along with preaching, piano playing, teaching and assisting as needed. Early last year they spent five weeks carpentering, cleaning and stuffing thousands of letters at Cedine Bible Mission in Spring City, TN, and returned this year to assist again. In the fall of 1998 they traveled to Norway and spent 10 days with friends in France, where they did a bit of carpenter work and helped in the mission work for the third time.

**PAUL, '68,** and Sandy **TIMBLIN**, who are affiliated with Brake Bible Institute in Lemgo, Germany, came to the States for a short summer furlough, after completing 40 years of ministry in Germany, of which 17 were at Brake. In January, they held a weekend seminar on marriage and family in Gieden, a week of ministry on Matthew at Word of Life's short term Bible Institute with 55 people attending, and a week in Southern Germany where Paul taught Galatians. In March Sandy had major surgery with good results but with a slow recovery. In May, Paul was able to visit Bryan College accompanied by his father to see Paul's son Michael, a rising junior at Bryan.

**DON, '69,** and **SHIRLEY (FLEMING), '69,** **EMERSON**, are helping start an international school with a Christian emphasis for foreign children of business people, diplomats and tentmakers in Beijing, China. From the first telephone call on Jan. 10, they gave up their ministry at Perry Baptist Church, where Don's association is more than 45 years and Shirley's more than 30 years, and moved on April 12. They arrived in Tokyo with the Lord's protection on a difficult landing, then visited the Seoul Foreign School on April 16 to get suggestions. Of their four children, two are married; their daughter Deleena is planning for her wedding in August; and the youngest, Jared, is graduating in August from Word of Life Bible Institute. The Emersons plan to return to the States for two weeks in August for the wedding, graduation and the arrival of their third grandchild.

**ALLAN, '69x,** and Francine **GRAHAM** report a glorious year in 1998 for World Thrust, the organization under which they serve. They shared in three outreach building projects—Guatemala and Honduras in June, and Ireland in October. They are planning to return to Ireland in October to help renovate a building in a Christian camp and conference center near Dublin.

**HARVEY, '70x,** and **IRENE (WILSON), 69x,** **KLAMM** reside in Lynchburg, Va., and are affiliated with Thomas Road Baptist Church. Harvey is in his 26th year at the Lynchburg Christian Academy, 10th as high school principal. Irene is in her 11th year as school nurse at the academy, serving the school's 950 students. The Klamms visited New England during their vacation, and established Harvey's connection with two ancestors who were Mayflower passengers. They were excited to walk aboard the Mayflower, take a tour of the USS Constitution, attend a Boston Red Sox game and tour Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables, besides other visits with friends and good family times together.

**JACK, '71,** and **ESTHER, '72x,** **LILLEY**, missionaries in Mexico City, enjoyed a weekend vacation at a Mexican resort which was shared also by two colleague couples and two Mexican families. This was an English Immersion Weekend, a new Aztec effort to forge strong bonds with Mexican business and professional people, encourage them to reflect on the quality of their lives and tell them the Good News while they were able also to gain fluency in English. The response to the event was very positive with friendships formed, discussion times that were open and enthusiastic and The Story of the Bible which brought the comment, "This is the first time I've understood what the Bible is all about." Follow-up to this response has led to a couple sharing in a weekly Bible study.

Tom and **PEG (MARGARET DRIVER), '72,** **KILE** have spent several months in the US on leave from their ministry in Kenya. They have shared an apartment in Tennessee with their daughter, Esther, and are close enough to Brad and daughter **DIANA, '95x,** to have frequent fellowship. The Kiles planned to return to Kenya in March.

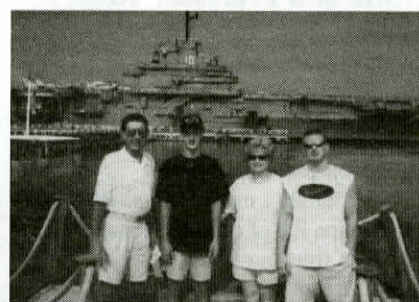


Members of the Davidson-Traylor wedding party included, from left, **MARK, '96,** and **WENDY, (TAYLOR), '96,** **DAVIDSON; BARBARA (WINFREE), '73,** **DAVIDSON; CHRISTY, '01x,** and **Mark TRAYLOR; RON DAVIDSON, '73;** and **Kristen and Eric Davidson.**

son **MARK, '96,** to the Medical College of Georgia. Barbara, although rejoicing in the Lord for every day of life, has blood counts that are still dangerous for bleeding, infection and low energy due to low red cells. They also are rejoicing in the marriage of their daughter, **CHRISTY, '01x,** to Mark Traylor on Aug. 8, 1998.

**PAUL, '72,** and **ANNETTE (HENDERSON), '73,** **HAYWARD** rejoice in growing sales at the TEAM Christian Bookshop in Empangeni, South Africa. An English-speaking church has been purchasing Zulu New Testaments to get them into the hands of each child attending a nearby Zulu school. Paul was elected to the Field Council at the annual TEAM field conference in January, with the plan for renewed emphasis on the use of literature in evangelism and church planting.

**ROY, '73,** and **BARBARA (PECK), '73,** **REMINGTON**, Roswell, Ga., with their sons Chris and Drew, had two



**Roy, Drew, Barbara and Chris Remington**

special family tours last year—to Greenville, S.C., to tour the BMW car plant, and to Charleston, S.C., to tour three U.S. Navy ships and a submarine. One of the ships was USS Yorktown on which Roy served in 1966. Roy has received awards for his customer service operation at Home Depot, but he is still looking for the right long-term opportunity that will fill "his niche." Barbara has just completed her seventh year of teaching at Fellowship Christian Academy in Roswell, where she is director of the Discovery educational therapy program. Their son, Chris, is a 1999 high school graduate and Drew is a rising junior.

Steve and **JAN (RASH), '74,** **TROSTLE** send greetings from Portugal. Their daughter, Stephanie, has completed her first year at college in the states and will be rejoining her family in Portugal for the summer. Jonathan recently celebrated his 16th birthday.

**GARY, '75,** and Cheryl **SIEFERS**, Tucson, Ariz., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 19, last year. Gary spent most of last winter and early spring recovering from surgery. Their two older children, Andrew and Anna, are enrolled in college, and their youngest, Adrienne, is a freshman, who is busy with sports at their local Christian high school.

**DENNIS, '77,** and **RENA (HANNA), '77,** **METZGER**, who work under Baptist Bible Fellowship in San Luis, Argentina, are encouraged by progress being made on a new church building which was started on Easter Sunday 1997. The Metzgers with their four children came to the States to help daughter April make adjustments to start in college. The family plans to return to Argentina in September.

**JIM, '79,** and **PEGGY (WENTWORTH), '74,** **STEELE**, in their affiliation with Cedine Bible Mission at Spring City, Tenn., request prayer for the completion of their Jubilee Center, which will increase their ministry to conference guests. They have a full schedule of retreats this spring and expect to have a busy camping season this summer.

**VERNON, '79,** and Dorris **STEVENSON**, Palmer, Alaska, who are in charge of SEND International-Far East Russia, went to Obluchye, last November. They hope to return there next year to continue their ministry. After not having flown for two years, Steve is responding to the request of SEND Alaska to serve as pilot again. SEND is involved with city-wide humanitarian aid distributed by the American Red Cross as they send food boxes to Russia with Love. Dorris spoke at a ladies retreat at a Bible camp in Alaska and watched the Holy Spirit work to change lives. Last Dec. 13 marked the celebration of 40 years that Steve and



**Jaimee, Dave, Jan and Justin Bothwell**

Dorris have been serving the Lord together.

Dave and **JAN (WIGGERS), '79,** **BOTHWELL** have completed two years in Waxhaw, N.C., where Dave is JAARS director of aviation. Two airplanes have been refurbished and sent to

## 70's

### Reunions

*Class of '74  
July '99 (25 years)*

*Class of '79  
October '99 (20 years)*



Cameroon, Africa, and to the Philippines. Jan is encouraged by improvement in her health and was pleased to have her mother visit for a week before Christmas.

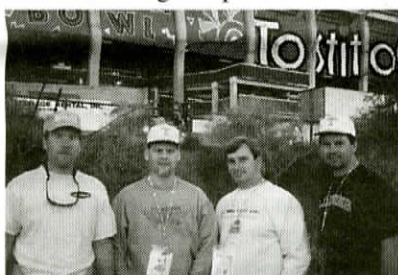
**CHARLES, '79**, and **SHARON (WOYCHUK), '81, GOODMAN** are living in Knoxville, Tenn., on home assignment until mid-August when they plan to return to Spain. Charlie has been attending Gordon-Conwell Seminary classes in Charlotte, N.C. Team members in Spain report that six young people are asking for baptism, nine young women are in Bible study and three young men are in leadership training.

## 80's

### Reunions

*Class of '89  
October '99 (10 years)*

Robert and **DAPHNE (KELLY), '80, METZGER** write from Charlotte, N.C., to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Olivia Irene, on Sept. 24, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. Rachel joins brothers Joseph, 10, and Jesse, 5, and a sister, Hannah, 2. Daphne enjoys homeschooling Joseph and Jesse.



Fiesta bowlers include, from left, Bob Jensen, Jon Tubbs, David Zopfi and Don Larson.

**BOB JENSEN, '80, JON TUBBS, '81, DAVID ZOPFI, '80, and DON LARSON, '81**, toured Tucson, Ariz., in early January and then went to the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix where

the University of Tennessee was victorious over Florida State to win the national college football championship.

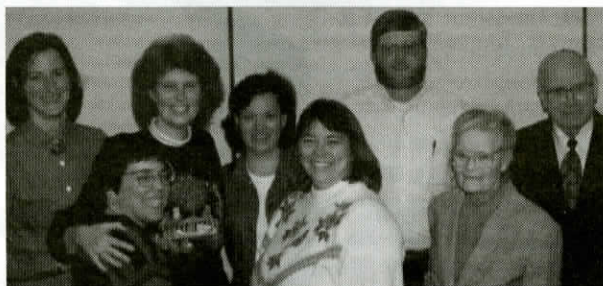
Jeff and **MARTHA (THOMAS), '80, DINGUS**, Kingsport, Tenn., welcomed a baby boy, Nicholas Aaron, on Sept. 3, 1998. Sarah, 13, is a great help in caring for her baby brother. Their summer camp showed a total of 27 children and young people responding for salvation or reassurance. Plans for camp in 1999 include a theme based on *Pilgrim's Progress*.

**MARK, '80**, and Candy **GARRETT** entertained about 35 of their Muslim friends for a meal on Christmas Eve, explained the purpose of the Incarnation and showed the JESUS film in the Wolof language. To help Wolof people read the Bible in their own language, Mark is seeking to set up a Wolof literacy class for those who can already read and write in French. Candy is homeschooling the three Garrett children, Kathryn, Bryan and Ethan.

**MARK, '80**, and Maritza **PADGETT** are both teaching at ESEPA Seminary for Pastoral Studies in San Jose, Costa Rica. Maritza is teaching Introduction to the Teaching-Learning Process and Mark is teaching Missions in the Local Church and A Survey of Church History. With help for their plane tickets, the Padgetts

planned a short visit to the U.S. between May 25 and July 24. Their E-mail address is: padgett12@juno.com.

Bill and **NORMA JEAN (KENNEY), '82x JANCEWICZ** with their three children, Ben, Beth and Nick, plan to move on July 11 to Connecticut for their furlough year from their home in Schefferville, Quebec, where they have been involved in translation work under Wycliffe. Even though this is furlough time, Bill will continue field assignment in direct support of the Naskapi translation project. Work is now being done in Genesis, Luke and Psalms. Their E-mail address is: bill\_jancewicz@sil.org.



Alumni at Darlene Laplue's birthday party included, from left, Pamela Henry Rowe, Laura Payne, the honoree, Juanita Fowler Phillips, Katie Burtz Caldwell, David Ragland, Rebecca Peck Hoyt and Lowell Hoyt.

Larry and **DARLENE (RAGLAND), '81, LAPLUE** and their family of five children live in Morristown, Tenn., in a renovated two-story early 1900 house. Darlene's hobby of Creative Memories fills albums for her own children and allows her to share her ideas with others. She also homeschools their children—Lawrence, 12; Jessie, 11; Lee Anne, 9, Caroline, 6, and Crystal, 4. Larry's business has grown well, and between work and school, the family has had several sightseeing trips. In April, Darlene was surprised with a party to celebrate her 40th birthday. Joining her at Pine Mountain State Park in Kentucky for the celebration were **PAMELA (HENRY), '81, ROWE; LAURA PAYNE, '83; JUANITA (FOWLER), '80, PHILLIPS; KATIE (BORTZ), '79, CLADWELL; DAVID RAGLAND '83; REBECCA (PECK), '40, HOYT and LOWELL HOYT, '42.**



Cheryl and Steve Little

Cheryl and Stephen live in Raleigh, N.C., where Cheryl is a freelance writer and Stephen works for Religion Today in the news service department.

**CAROL CRISLER, '83**, and Tom Cecil were married Feb. 6, in Starlight, Ind. **KARIN (CRISLER), '81 RUDD** attended as maid of honor. Carol has been employed for the past 15 years at American Synthetic



Carol and Tom Cecil

Rubber Corporation in Louisville, Ky., as a the continuous improvement coordinator for the plant. Tom is a distributor for Ice Products in Corydon, Ind. They make their home at 1975 Allison Ln., Apt 2, Corydon, Ind. 47112

**ALEC, '83**, and **TAMMY (GRAHAM), '83x, HARRISON** are continuing ministry with the Xavante tribe in Cuiaba, Brazil. Tammy has been helping with medical work in the absence of the village nurse. Alec is working with a national translator on the Epistles of Paul in the Xavante language. In 1988 the New Testament was completed by SIL translators for about 3,000 Tukano people who live in Colombia. Now with some adaptations the Colombian Tukano New Testament is being adapted for the Brazilian Tukano, who number about 2,500.

**JEFF RYAN, '84**, recently opened his law firm, Chamblee and Ryan, in Dallas, Texas.

Tim and **MARSHA (SMITH), '84, RHYNE** announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Quinn, on Oct. 11, 1998 weighing 10 lbs. 2 oz. She was welcomed by big brother Sam, 3.

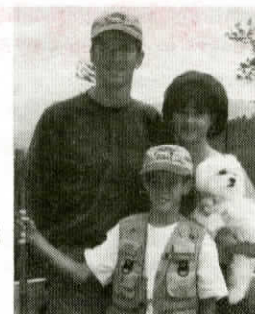
Brad and **KATHY (DALLINGA), '84, KOENIG** have been on furlough in the U.S. and hope to return to Cameroon soon to continue their translation work with the Esimbi team. They also plan to take a radio with them to improve communications. They are considering a move to the big city of Bamenda, where there are some Esimbi people who can help them accumulate language data to complete the linguistic analysis and alphabet proposal for the Esimbi language.

**JERRY, '84**, and **CINDY (WILLIAMSON), '84, WALKER** had the privilege of seeing 11 dedications of the New Testament for languages in Papua New Guinea during 1998. Jerry has trained a national man to manage the print shop, so Jerry is working full time with Vernacular Media, recording PNG languages onto audio or video tapes particularly for the JESUS film. They planned to return to the US in April to assist parents and for Jerry to take a class from Sept. 13, to Dec. 17, at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, N.C.

**DARRELL, '85**, and Christy **CODSEN** returned on Jan. 5, to St. Andrews, Scotland, after their six-month furlough in the USA, where they shared their ministry vision for Donetsk Christian University. Last July Darrell became academic dean at DCU and has seen the following accomplishments: refined academic standards and policies, building the faculty as a "team" with common ministry vision and sharing in the decision-making process, accreditation review for the bachelor programs and receiving candidate status for October 1999, and beginning a Teacher Assistant Program. They also hoped to have the MA program designed and validated by late May 1999.

**BOB, '86**, and **AMY (BECKHAM), '87x, HAY** serve at the Tokorozawa Megumi church in Japan and conduct an English class. A student inquired whether he could ask some questions in an after-class session, including such questions as "Why did Jesus have to become man and die?" Last December a Japanese lady declared her faith publicly by being baptized.

Walt and **DIANE (DEMPSEY), '86, SIRMANS** and their son, Matthew, live in Lake Park, Fla., so were impressed by the Blue Ridge mountains when they had a



Walt, Diane and Matt Sirmans



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summer vacation there last year. Diane is a part-time teacher and full-time mom. Walt is busy at Pratt & Whitney and reached 50,000 miles last year with Delta. Their son, Matthew, is now in third grade.

Lawrence and **MELANIE (STUCKY), '87, TUCKER** announce the birth of their first child, Luc Alain, in Chambery, France, on Nov. 8, 1998. In Chambery, the Tuckers were learning French, the national language of Ivory Coast, West Africa. They left for Ivory Coast in May, where they will work as literacy specialists with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

**STEVE, '87, and LOIS (SILVEY), '91, SNYDER** announce the birth of their son, Charles Evan, on March 10. Charlie was welcomed by his big sister, Leah.

**JOHN, '87, and Ruth PATTON** share some glimpses of their life in Spain from their sixth floor apartment in Madrid. While attending language school, they are living in Coslada, a district of Madrid, and helping in the Coslada Baptist Church. John is in a year-long Spanish studies program at the University of Madrid, learning about Spanish history and thought, geography, grammar, philosophy, art, texts and commentaries and literature. Ruth is studying weekly with her tutor, Marisa, and experiencing such problems as asking for "muds of bread" instead of "loaves of bread." John is also



**Fred and Juanita Duong; Rebekah, Katie and Anna**

**FRED, '87, and JUANITA (TUCKER), '94, DUONG** with their three daughters were scheduled to share in four different churches and visit family and friends at the end of May in a trip to Nebraska, Juanita's family's home. In June and July they will be packing as they prepare to move to Dallas, Texas, in August to take the manager orientation and development course from Aug. 18, through December. Midway in October they expect Baby No. 4 to arrive. They have not been assigned to a country, but Vietnam is near to their hearts, especially since Fred spent the first 11 years of his life in Saigon, and Juanita's father is a Vietnam veteran to whom God gave a deep love for the people there. They report that the population of Vietnam is 75,000,000; it has 88 languages, Bibles in four languages, 12 New Testaments and 20 language portions. Bible translation was being done in 24 languages in 1975 in South Vietnam and work continues in seven languages.

Tim and **BETH (BRANSON), '87, WOOD**, missionaries in Mozambique, with their children Jonathan and Sarah, spent time in England during their furlough with Tim's parents. In April they went to the U.S. to visit Beth's family, friends and supporters. They planned to return to Mozambique early in June, when they expect to begin studying Chindau language. They hope to live for six weeks at a time in the village of Machanga and do a six-week course in Zimbabwe to help understand the grammar.

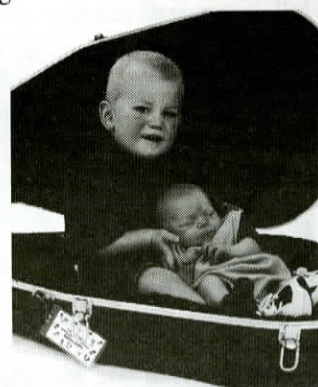


**Michael Richard Stein**

Tom and **TAMMY (CHEEKS), '89, STEIN** announce the birth of their son, Michael Richard, on March 31. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.

**RENAE (BOLDT), '89, and Brent WEBER** announce the birth of their son, Brody Luke, on April 15. Brody was welcomed by his brother, Skyler, 2. The Weber family lives in Buford, Ga.

**GREG, '89x, and Hannah LILLEY** are busy planning for their move to Venezuela with New Tribes Mission in July. They expect to serve as dorm parents for missionary children. They spent April at the New Tribes Language Institute in Camdenton, Mo., to receive instruction in dorm parenting.



**Skyler and Brody Weber**

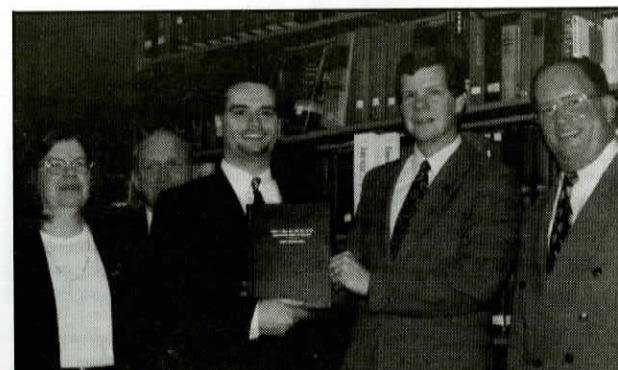
## 90's

**CRISTA CORNELIUS, '90**, sends greetings from Changchun, China, where she attended ELIC's Chinese language school, to teach two classes, study three days a week with a tutor and get training on the job about how to run a language program. She is looking forward to having a friend visit so she can see for herself what Crista is doing in China. She is encouraged by what she has been able to learn during her job-training period. She has made a good start in establishing relationships with the school officials. After expending much concern over a box of her possessions that was lost in transit, she was greatly encouraged when one day the doorkeeper called her to come to see the boxes stacked in the entryway and there was the box!



**Emily and James Davis**

**JIMMY, '90, and CHRISTINE (MASSEY), '91, DAVIS** announce the birth of Emily Abigail and James Micah on Jan. 28. Jimmy was recently highlighted in the *EQUIP for Ministry* '99 magazine as taking part in a regional meeting of youth trainers under CE/P and now is serving as a regional youth trainer for the Knoxville, Tenn., area. CE/P is an organization with the purpose of assisting and consulting with the local church in the area of youth ministries. Along with assisting as a youth trainer, Jimmy is the youth minister at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville.



**Matt Fritz, '94**, recently presented a copy of the his Master's thesis in history to the Bryan library. Titled "James K. Polk and John Bell in the Nullification Crisis of 1832-1833," the thesis was written as part of his studies at Middle Tennessee State University. Pictured, from left, are Public Services Librarian Vonnie Johnson, history professor Dr. Bill Ketchersid, Matt, President Dr. Bill Brown and history professor Dr. Jack Traylor.

**BETH HORNISH, '91**, is studying at the Institute of Spanish Language in Costa Rica where she lives with a Spanish family. She was able to spend time at the Christmas season with her own family in New York. She is eagerly waiting for the time when she will go to Spain.

**HEATHER PRETLOVE, '91**, and Robert Kohler were married Oct. 2, 1997, in a ceremony officiated by her father in Las Vegas, Nev. The Kohlers live in Dallas, Texas, where Heather has been teaching English and Spanish at First Baptist Academy for the past four years. She is also a class sponsor and a JV cheer coach. Robert is employed by Mainstream Fish House.

**KENNETH, '92, and April GUTHRIE** announce the birth of their daughter, Alayna Grace, on Dec. 17, 1998, weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. She joins her brother Brenden, 2. The Guthrie family lives in Charleston W.Va.



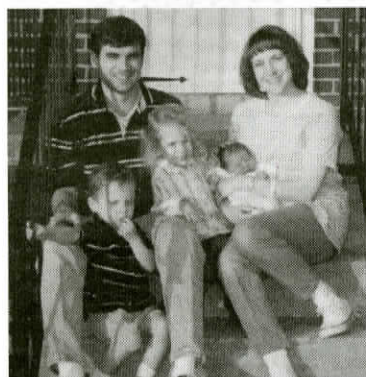
**Members of the Neddo family at Paul and Heidi Neddo's wedding** included, from left, Phil Neddo, Jennifer Neddo Wood, Marc Neddo, the bride and groom, June Neddo, Darwin Neddo and Lynn Neddo Del-Cid,

**PAUL NEDDO, '92, and Heidi Chan** were married on May 9, 1998, in Fort Wayne, Ind. Paul's father, **DARWIN NEDDO, '54**, officiated the ceremony. Other Bryan alumni in the wedding party were brothers **MARC NEDDO, '92, and PHIL NEDDO, '85**; Paul's mother, **JUNE (HIVELY), '54, NEDDO** and **DAVID WEISSENBURGER, '92**. Bryan Alumni present for the wedding were **DOUG, '92, and SUSI (SIMPSON), '92, MANN; ERIK EDWARDS, '92; JIM PROUT, '92; GREG, '92' and Sharon HOLST; CHUCK, '57, and SHIRLEY (BOWDY), '60; MOORE and Uncles JAMES NEDDO, '61, and FRANCIS NEDDO, '54**. Paul is employed by New Horizons Youth Ministry and is seeking a Master's degree in public



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administration/criminal justice at Indiana University. Heidi is pursuing her Master's degree in psychology at Ball State University.



Chris and Chanin Gilman, Daniel, Kendall and Brenna

**CHRIS, '93, And CHANIN (ASH-WORTH), '93, GILMAN** announce the birth of their third child, Brenna Scott Gilman, on Dec. 4, 1998.

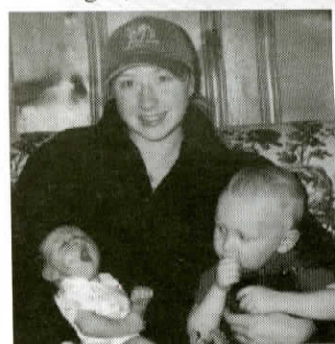
Brenna joins a sister, Kendall, 4, and brother, Daniel, 2.

Grandparents are **BARRY, '69, and NANCY (LEININGER), '68,**

**GILMAN and PHIL, '66, and KATIE (MCCROSKEY), '67, ASHWORTH.**

Shutterfly Productions is taking flight as **BETHANY BURCH, '94,** has begun freelancing as a production manager's assistant. Her recent gigs include working for ABC-Sports, New York. You may have seen her in the background on the Wide World of Sports Skate America figure skating competition. Bethany will receive her B.S. in secondary education from Central Michigan University in May 2000.

**JOHN, '94,** and Janet **PIATT** announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Jane, on Feb. 2. She joins her brother, John Andrew, 3. John received the Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in December 1998. The family lives in Waukegan, Ill.



Margaret Wade, aunt Suzanna Sharpe and cousin Christian Sharpe

**PHIL, '94, and SARAH (SHARPE), '93 WADE** announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Joyce, on March 8. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Holding Margaret in the picture is her Aunt **SUZANNA SHARPE, '99,** and joining them is cousin Christian Sharpe, son of **ANDREW, '92X,** and Tina **SHARPE.**

**JAMES, '95,** and

Deanne **PRICE** of Dayton, Tenn., announce the birth of their son, William Michael Shane, on March 3. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.

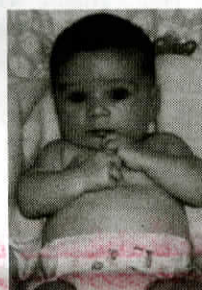
Bryan and **BETHANY (PHINNEY), '95, HICKS** were married in a garden ceremony in Atlanta, Ga., on Sept. 19, 1998. Members of the wedding party included **MELISSA (LOUALLEN), '94, GRAVITT** and **SCOTT GRAVITT, '93.** Bryan will graduate in July with a degree in health care management. Bethany received her Master's degree in education in 1998. They live in Lawrenceville, Ga.



Tennessee Sen. David Fowler spoke to Bryan College students in April concerning his motivation for serving in public office. He challenged students to "consider why you are here today" and prepare to serve in such a way as to make a difference in the world. Sen. Fowler, center, is pictured with Bryan Trustee Daniel Dorrill, left, of Chattanooga, and Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown.



Cherane and Ralph Guevara



Gabriel Guevara

**CHERANE PARKER, '95,** and Ralph Guevara were married on July 11, 1998, in Goldsboro, N.C. They would also like to announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriel Thia, on Feb. 3, 1999. Cherane is on active duty in the Air Force, stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Ralph works for the Department of Defense in Goldsboro, N.C.

**CLAUDIO, '96,** and **NICOLLE (PRUITT), '95, ARIAS** will be moving to Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C. Claudio will be the head soccer coach for the men's and women's teams and will be a resident director in the men's dormitory. Nicole will be the assistant coach for the women's soccer team and will complete her Master's degree in counseling through Liberty University.

**CRISTY KROEKER, '96,** Cuiaba, Brazil, welcomed three new children to her first and second grade classes, with a total of 34 students in their school this past semester. She has agreed to stay another year.

**ANNETTE SHARPE, '96,** has been licensed as a registered nurse in Tennessee. She will complete her Master's degree in nursing at Vanderbilt University in August, 1999 and plans to take the national board exam for certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner in September.

**JEFF, '96X,** and **CARRIE (DANTICE) '98X, VAN DE MARK** write from South Carolina, where Jeff is working in patient and family services for NHC HealthCare.

**CARL, '97, DIEBOLD** and Heather Horne, a Bryan student, were married on May 8, at Eastridge Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jeff Wolfe and **KRISTY DILLER, '97,** were married Aug. 23, 1997. On Nov. 11, 1998, their first child, Deanna Marie, was born, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. Kristy is enjoying being a full-time mom.



Jeff, Kristy and Deanna Wolfe

## WITH THE LORD

Glenna Hanson, daughter of **CECIL, '44,** and **DOROTHY (BENNETT), '43, HANSON,** died Dec. 22, 1998, in Visalia, Calif.

**DR. W. GENE KURY, '51,** died on Jan. 4, in St. Louis, Mo., of complications from diabetes. He pastored several churches in the St. Louis area, and was also a nursing home administrator in St. Louis.

**CALVIN R. MILLER, '44,** died May 15 at his home in Mercer, Pa. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1955 and had served a number of parishes in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Following his retirement in 1987, he remained active in a hospital ministry.



Nine faculty and staff members will not be returning to Bryan in the fall and were honored for their service at a reception at the end of the school year. From left are Sherri Ricketts, resident director in Arnold residence hall; Dean of Students Melody Klingbeil; Nicole Arias, '95, resident director in Houston residence hall; Tina Wade, resident director in Long residence hall; David Johnston, assistant professor of biological chemistry; Dr. Sherri Mao, women's basketball coach; and Rebecca Anderson, Commoner advisor. Not pictured is Clark Rose, assistant professor of psychology.



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